

REMARKS

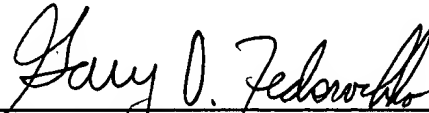
Claims 1-12 remain pending. Examination on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 7-9 have been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 76, wherein object identification may be defined as <layer identifier> <object identifier> <depth characteristic>.

8. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 87, wherein each identifier is an alphanumeric identifier.

9. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 76, wherein said layer identifier is a reference to said depth characteristic.